

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL _____

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE June 25, 2007

SUBJECT: Changes to AZ LEARNS: Use of English Language Learner Test

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MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: June 7, 2007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the last session, the legislature amended the law governing the AZ LEARNS school evaluation process to require that the “results of English language learners tests” be included as part of the AZ LEARNS school evaluation. {ARS 15-241 (D) (3) and ARS 15-241 (E) (4)} This agenda item is to present a proposed transition method to comply with the new requirement. If accepted it will be part of the school evaluations released in October 2007.

The proposed change to the AZ LEARNS formula is the following:

- A. A school will receive 1 scale score point if the percentage of ELL students reclassified during the year across all grades served is greater or equal to 30 percent.

In material originally submitted to the Board, ADE proposed a performance target of 16 percent. The higher target is a result of discussions with the legislature regarding the intent of the new requirement, and updated data from schools in the field about the percentage of students reclassified.

It is the intent of the law that the AZELLA scores of ELL students be fully integrated into the AZ LEARNS evaluation. This may require giving AZELLA additional weight and adjusting the performance scale. ADE will continue to examine ways to incorporate AZELLA scores fully into the formula, and will bring a proposal before the Board for approval for the profiles to be released in 2008.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: ☐ INFORMATION ☒ ACTION/DESCRIBED
BELOW

ATTACHMENTS: YES ☐ NO ☐